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UC President Mark Yudof to Address State Higher Education Commission

CPEC releases study on eligibility rates of the high school class of 2007

Public Policy Institute of California presents annual statewide higher education survey

SACRAMENTO — December 4, 2008 — Issues ranging from university eligibility, to the approval of community college educational centers, and how Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) students are supported in higher education, will be on the agenda when the California Postsecondary Education Commission meets on December 9 and 10. The Commission will hear presentations by University of California President Mark Yudof regarding UC's initiatives, and from the Public Policy Institute of California on the results of its annual statewide higher education survey.

At 10:30 a.m. on the first day of the meeting, President Yudof will discuss how he envisions working with the Commission in the future. President Yudof will be available to answer questions from the Commission about its University Eligibility Study. The eligibility study estimates the percentage of 2007 public high school graduates who are eligible for admission to UC and CSU. The study indicates that 32.7 percent were eligible for CSU, an increase from 28.8 percent for the class of 2003, and 13.4 percent eligible for UC, down from 14.4 percent in 2003.

Commission members will also discuss the Los Rios Community College District's proposed expansions in Elk Grove and Davis and hear a panel presentation from statewide leaders in LGBT student affairs and advocacy.

The Commission will also discuss its work on the employment of university graduates. A first look at job data from the U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that 17 percent of California workers with a bachelor's degree or higher are working in a non-degree field.

The public is welcome to attend the December 9–10, 2008 Commission meeting. The agenda is available at www.cpec.ca.gov/agendas/agnd2008-12.pdf. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, at 770 L Street, Suite 1160, Sacramento. The

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Commission has scheduled a press conference on the eligibility study at noon on December 9. The public meeting will be audio-streamed live from the Commission's Web site, www.cpec.ca.gov. Recordings of this and previous meetings are also accessible at www.cpec.ca.gov.

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The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. The Commission's primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities.